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PART OF THE CROWD of more than 500 who came to the Farm Credit Club's Christmas party December 24 and made it one of the most successful events ever sponsored by the Club. Here Governor Black extends his greetings to all members of the FCA family. The party halted for 30 minutes to listen soberly to President Roosevelt's Christmas message to the armed forces.



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## IVY W. DUGGAN NAMED DEPUTY GOVERNOR

FCA'ers soon will meet Ivy W. Duggan, new deputy governor, whose appointment to succeed R. K. McConnaughey was announced last week.

Mr. Duggan comes to Farm Credit from the Agricultural Adjustment Agency, where he was director of the Southern region. Mr. McConnaughey recently was appointed by President Roosevelt to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Duggan has been with AAA since 1937, previously was professor of agricultural education at Clemson College and Mississippi State, was a county agent, vocational agriculture teacher and businessman. He is a graduate of Clemson College, '18; holds a master's degree from Ohio State, and an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Clemson. He is a native of Georgia, and still calls Georgia home. He is married and has two children, a boy, 17, and a girl, 12.

## News From Field And Camp



### LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Ross W. Hansen, a/c (Class 8C, Cadet Regt., USNATC, Corpus Christi, Tex.) I really got a pleasant surprise when your Christmas package for me arrived. Thanks a million! The book about the Marines is very suited for me, as I'll be a 2nd Lt. in the Marines about Christmas. Down here they call them Gyrenes, but don't ask me why. Right now I'm flying twin-engine land-based planes, which are lots of fun. It's just a year and 10 days since I left FCA, but doesn't seem that long.

Cpl. Ira E. Bird (A409686, WAC Detachment, Homestead AAF, Homestead, Fla.) Please accept my thanks for the package which you so kindly sent me for Christmas.



It made me feel very happy to be remembered by all my friends in the FCA and I'm too hoping that it won't be long before I can come back and join the organization again.

Lt. (JG) W. Gordon Leith (USS Chicopee, Fleet Post Office, New York, N.Y.) A few days ago I received a batch of Grapevines dating as far back as June. I was especially interested to see what Coop and Research was doing. As for myself I have been around a little including the Mediterranean area and the British Isles. In North Africa one sees everything from mechanized agriculture to Biblical scenes, with camels pulling a crooked stick that is supposed to be a plow. In the British Isles one sees a lot of beautiful heavy draft horses usually hitched up singly, and often to a two wheeled cart. The fields are fairly small and are odd shapes, which would make them a nightmare to till with a tractor.

Cpl. Gertrude Grove, WAC (Santa Ana Army Air Base, Santa Ana, California) When I returned from my furlough I was surprised and pleased to find the Christmas package from you. My popularity in the barracks went up considerably due to the candy and cigarettes. 'Twas nice seeing so many of you when I was on my way thru KC several weeks ago.

Howard O. Reynolds, Jr., S 2/c (836-76-42, USN, 89th NCB -Bldg. #62, Camp Parks, Calif.) I received the very nice present from the club early despite the fact that it was sent to Camp Peary, Va., where I took "boot training," and

was forwarded to me out here. Thanks to everyone responsible.

Cpl. Elbert R. Sisson, (13105955, 330th Base Hq. and Air Base Sqd., Gulfport, Field, Mississippi) Your package reached me just as I was starting on furlough (Oh, happy moment). It came in very handy on that long train ride from the Gulf Coast to the District of Columbia. I am still doing classification work and still enjoying it. After the war is over I rather anticipate returning to job classification with the Government and taking up where I left off when called to the service. The Grapevine reaches me regularly and is devoured in avid "GI" style.

Capt. Claiborne R. Mobley (0-496933, 21st Special Service Co., APO 763, c/o P.M., N. Y.) It is always a delight to get copies of The Grapevine. Paul (James) and I read every word and talk about all the people we know whose names appear in it, saying, you may be sure, extremely kind things about them. North Africa is a very interesting place. Why not have a few NFLA's or PCA's established over here after the war so we can visit the area? Seriously, this would be a very interesting part of the world in which to spend a vacation. I wish you could see the way the native has lived here in N. A. Despite the exposure to European civilization, the Arabs here live in much the same fashion as their distant ancestors in Abraham's time.

# Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. Ruth Peterson received "one dozen roses" from her husband on December 20 in remembrance of their 19th wedding anniversary...J. W. Lytle enjoyed a Christmas vacation at home in Kansas City...Wave Mary Linneman stopped in to greet friends in Audit Unit while visiting at her home in Marysville, Mo., before reporting for duty at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Of the Navy, Mary says, "No income taxes, no steaks."...Mary Keerns spent a week in Chicago with her soldier husband who was on furlough...Welcome to Mable Grazier who has joined Pay Roll Office...Dorothy Martin entertained a week end guest, Mrs. Hazle Walker of St. Louis...Congratulations to Sarah Schneider who made her sixth blood donation...Margaret and Irene Ellefson are enjoying a visit from their sister, Shirley, of Garretson, S. Dak....It was quite a thrill when Hester Waters read in the Kansas City Times that her nephew, Lt. C. Wilson, had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for activities in New Guinea...Hester Waters was hostess at a party given in compliment to her niece, Kitty Wilson, of the University of Chicago...Congratulations to the Women's Audit bowling team who won the challenge match from the Men's Accounts team on December 19...Vacationists who enjoyed the yuletide in other cities include Charles Snyder at

his home in Ottawa, Kans.; Leona Holland at her home in Sarcoxie, Mo.; Vencil Ward in Carthage and Sarcoxie, Mo.; Clarice Andrews at her home in Howard, Kans.; Lorraine Morava at her home in Wilber, Nebr.; Helen Taylor at her home in Shenandoah, Iowa; Zella Tuell in Peoria, Ill.; and Blake and Lucille Holmes at Lucille's home in Atchinson, Kansas.

Chief Clerk's Office. Maxine Lehman motored to Halsted, Kans., to be with her parents for the holidays...Members of Mr. Hemstreet's office, Planning Section, and Chief Clerk's Office enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch in Mr. Hemstreet's office, with Mary Kindred as chief cook...Alverta Marston week ended with relatives in Junction City, Kans.

Cooperative. Ellis Batten has returned to the office after a serious bout with the flu.

Economic & Credit Research. Members of the division celebrated the holidays with a party in the office, high lighted by the presence of a white tree with blue adornments...A luncheon was prepared by the girls and games were enjoyed by all...E. C. Johnson relaxed at his home in Kansas City during the Christmas season...Travelers to other cities include Elizabeth Davis, with her family in Atlanta, Ga.; Dorothy Heckman, with her family in Miamisburg, Ohio; and H. E. Underhill, in Cherokee Okla.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Lindsey, Jr., had as guests



Mr. Lindsey's parents and two sisters of Cabool, Mo....Holiday visitors in other cities include Ruth Clark with her mother in Fremont, Iowa; Lamar Evans in Dallas and Coleman, Tex.; and the Gardner Walker family with Mr. Walker's parents in Ottawa, Kans....Eloise Moss' husband, Cpl. Lionel Moss, arrived from Lawrenceville, Ill., for a visit.

Examination. Girls of the division "made merry" at a macaroni supper at Nina Morrow's apartment on Monday eve before Christmas...Leona Coffee drove to her home town of Sioux City, Iowa, to enjoy a vacation...H. P. Mousel recovered from an illness of 2 weeks in time to return and wish all a happy holiday...Boxes of candy and nuts arrived from M. J. Fox in the field with the season's greetings...O. W. Zeagler is pleased that his new job as resident examiner takes him to his home State of Louisiana where he will be stationed in New Orleans...When Mary Nolz decided to spend the holiday week end with friends in St. Louis, her roommate, Dorothy Hagen, sped to her home in Illinois...Two who are far away greeted us with cards, Jock Willingham from Puerto Rico and Pvt. "Chuck" Nelson from Hawaii.

FFMC. Irene Rowley motored to Wichita for a vacation...Girls of the division ushered in the holiday week with a gay party at the apartment of Eileen Stein on Monday eve.

Finance & Accounts. Friends of Wave Luella Cogswell received cards from her bearing the season's greetings and an excellent picture of Luella in her

uniform...Alene Foster has returned from her home in Pawnee City, Nebr., where she was called by the death of her grandfather...Congratulations to Helen McCabe on her fifth donation of 1 pint of blood to the blood bank...Reports and Field Accounting Sections enjoyed a lively Christmas get-together in Room 2260H, with a beautiful tree, music, and food, climaxed by the entrance of Santa Claus (M. E. Menk) himself...Leslie Surginer and W. T. McKeown have returned from trips to the West Coast...Welcome to two newcomers, both from Commodity Credit Corporation, Mildred Kern to Typing Unit and Mary Jo Evans to Reports Section...Virginia Hibbs has returned after a siege of the flu...Vacationists who enjoyed the holiday season at home in Kansas City include Irene McCollom, W. J. Snow, Jr., and Katherine Vance...Travelers who enjoyed yule visits in other cities include Helen McCabe with her mother in Terre Haute, Ind.; Lee Dashner in Oklahoma City; Margaret Elliott in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Alma Franklin at her home in Langdon, Kans.; Delta Vaughn at her home in Wellington, Kans.; "Sammy" Roddy with her folks in Wichita Falls, Tex.; Mable Kluttz in Clinton, Mo.; Verna Brewer in Nevada, Mo.; and Kenneth Boyce and family in Nebraska.

General Files. All enjoyed the gay Christmas party held at the office. Our congratulations to T. Cunningham who made an excellent Santa and to Edith Sankey, Mary Morgan, and Mary Mahoney who were the "prancing rein-deers"...Welcome to Ruth Siegrist of

Meadville, Mo., who has joined Personnel Files Unit...Florence Humbargar is recovering nicely at Trinity Hospital from a recent operation...Nadine Jones enjoyed the holidays with her parents in Carthage, Mo....It was nice to receive greetings from some of our boys in the Armed Forces including A. Barnes, W. Kowalski, E. Ramsey, H. Suggs, H. Jukofsky, and S. Friedman.

Governor's Office. A merry holiday party was held in the office of J. M. Shelby for employees on the fourth floor. Governor Black was Santa Claus and derived great pleasure from presenting each employee with an inexpensive humor-our gift (accompanied in some cases by quite "expressive" poetry). Among the gifts were a corn-cob pipe, rattler, washboard, and air warden helmet. Refreshments consisting of candies, nuts, oranges, and cookies were enjoyed.

Graphic & Duplicating. Dorothy Carlstrom was hostess at a "hen" party attended by members of Composing Unit...Traveling vacationists who celebrated the holidays within the Missouri boundry line include Ethel Webb in Carthage; Edna Misterek in St. Joe; Sue Taylor just south of the Iowa border; and Rita Nordhus and Grace Stoke "somewhere in Missouri."

Information & Extension. Gifford and Diane Hoag have moved into their new home at 5312 Fairway Road...On Monday after Christmas Anne Wilson arrived at the office with a new ring gracing her left hand and announced her engagement to Fred Hartmann...Dorothy Owens and

Violet Hardin have successfully completed their Red Cross Motor Mechanics course...Good luck to Frances Price who undergoes an operation on her eyes.

Intermediate Credit. Jewell Hill enjoyed the holiday season at her home town of Russellville, Ark.

Land Bank. J. R. Isleib's son, Jimmie, took time out from his studies at Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Mo., to spend the holiday season at home in Kansas City...Frances Kruse's husband arrived from Texas for a visit ...A bit of mistletoe created quite an exciting half hour at the NFLA Section Christmas gathering in Room 1354...A diamond has sparkled on the left hand of Clydine Dawson since her return from a recent trip to Oklahoma...Greetings were received from Capt. E. Diebel from overseas...Vacationists who greeted Santa in other cities include Marie Zandonini in Washington; Louise Shear with her husband in Greenville, Miss.; Lila Stefan with her "brother" in St. Louis; and Marjorie Hinds with her family in Topeka, Kans.

Library. "Pat" Warner, chairman of Christmas activities, led the librarians in a round of celebration, the keynote of which was the preparation and giving of gifts to two needy ladies. There was a buffet supper at Lucille Achauer's home where plans were made for the gifts and a cookie bake at the home of Wanda Pringle where the gifts were wrapped, climaxed by a noonday gathering at the office where lunch was served, carols



were sung, and the gifts to the "adopted" friends were reported on...Bernice Nilson's brother, Clifford, of the University of Missouri, spent some time in Kansas City while preparing to enter the Navy...We miss Wanda Pringle who left December 24 to take over the duties of Librarian at the Peoria, Ill., sub-branch serving the Northern Regional Research Laboratory. Miss Pringle will visit her parents in St. Cloud, Minn., and spend some time with her sister in Chicago before reporting for duty... Lucille Achauer enjoyed the holiday season with her family in Warrensburg, Mo. ...A visitor in the library recently was Juanita Akers' 2-year old nephew, "Stinky," who immensely enjoyed the tree...Phoebe Norton and her family had as holiday guests Phoebe's sister, Mrs. Bob Carlson and Lt. Carlson.

Personnel. A Christmas gathering was held in the Appointment Office where all in the division enjoyed lunch, cakes, and oranges and read cards from absent members which were placed around the tree. Girls who journeyed to their homes to hang up stockings for St. Nick include Corrine Matter in Topeka, Kans.; Mildred Peterson in St. Joe, Mo.; and Carietta Rech in Howard, Kans.

Planning. Belle Solomon left early in December for her home in Scranton, Pa., to recuperate from a case of "cat fever" (Navy for low spirits) combined with nostalgia...Cheers for "iron men" L. B. Collins and J. Clyde Smith who held down the fort while practically everyone else was off battling the flu...

R. E. Kaufmann is the proud owner of a brand new moustache...Planning and Instructions Sections joined to decorate a Christmas tree which occupied the place of honor in front of the entrance to Room 1411. Following the usual custom, both sections continued to "work" themselves to death through Christmas Eve.

Production Credit. Good luck to Peggy Frew who has joined the Waves and reports at Hunter College in New York on January 7...Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Arnold had as a holiday guest their son, Bob, who had just received his commission at Fort Sill, Okla.

Property & Supply. Another "added attraction" to the Horace Smith family is a boy born on November 28, weighing 7 lbs., 8 ozs....EXTRA - Fred Allen has received the Purple Heart for wounds received in World War I at the battle of Chateau-Therry...Ben Amerson received a "loafers" coat and we believe he will soon feel at home in it...All members of the section enjoyed a Christmas party at the office. "Lucky" Hayden won the gift (as well as a turkey at the FCA party)...Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sullivan felt that Santa was exceptionally good to them when they received telegrams from their sons, Al of the Navy and Frank of the Marines, stating that they were well and safe... Congratulations to the members of our sextet who did so well at the FCA party.

Purchase. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Crim enjoyed a visit from their son, Buddy,

of the Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy ...A delightful surprise birthday party was given for Mary Harris by her mother on December 28...Thelma Province's secret is out! A diamond gleams on her left hand, the gift of her schoolmate, Cpl. R. W. Ford, stationed in Savannah, Ga....Florence Eifert spent the holidays at her home in Enid, Okla....Members of the office enjoyed a yuletide party and afterwards dined heartily at the Drum Room.

RACC of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wallace enjoyed Christmas with their two daughters in Arizona...Pvt. Gordon Smith on a 3-day leave from Camp Dodge, Iowa, surprised us with a visit...A pleasant holiday was spent by Helen Bailey in Smithville, Mo.

Revolving Fund. Carolyn Portmann enjoyed Christmas with her husband, Bill, in Buckley Field, Colo....C. H. McClain made a quick business trip to Chicago.

Solicitor's Office. Juanita Shields enjoyed a vacation at home in Kansas City during the holiday week...E. Anthony returned from Washington where he was on official business for 1 month...An interesting Christmas get-together was held in Room 2004, presided over by E. Anthony. Greetings were exchanged and each member gave a short biographical sketch of his past life so that all were better acquainted after the party ...F. R. Olmsted spent several days in Wichita on business...Doris Jenkins, who is transferring to the Regional Attorney's

Office in Portland, Ore., was honored at a lovely luncheon at the Muehlebach Grill on December 24. A beautiful amber ring was a gift of the office. Vacationists who enjoyed Christmas in other cities include Margaret and Boots Porter with Margaret's sister in Brooklyn, Iowa; Ethel Hoemann with her family in Newell, Iowa; and Karine Barstad with her cousins in Columbia, Mo.

Stenographic. Violet Heim entertained her brother and sister-in-law of Atchinson, Kans., over the holidays... Welcome to a new employee, Rosalie Mountjoy of Sedalia, Mo....Ellen Jane Beery is enjoying a weeks vacation at her home in Independence, Mo....Recent soldier guests of Lorraine Neugebauer were Pvt. Harold Ely of the Army Air Corps and Lorraine's brother also of the Air Corps, stationed in Columbus, Ohio ...Catherine Champe is vacationing at her home in Kansas City...Girls of the section enjoyed a Christmas party at the office with refreshments of home-made cake and ice cream. There were songs by Mildred and Doris Schmeltz and Phyllis Windrum and also recorded music (Josephine Bishop hopes someone will break the recording of "Abraham" before another party is held.)

Vise. We are sorry to lose Alice Padden who has resigned to return to her home in New Richmond, Minn.

#### OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

This year we really had a Christmas party - (and so did you all out there .

from what came thru on the teletype about hold everything from 1:15 to 3:30!) but ours was only on our lunch period. Santa (Gib Randell) arrived at 12:15 all decked out in whiskers, red suit, bells - and a 5-foot shotgun (we still haven't heard just what that was for) after a 10-minute skit put on by the entertainment committee (Larry Mann, Stan Smith, and H. H. Hulbert) which consisted of a take-off on a staff meeting - the parts of all section heads being played by other members of the staff. It was quite a success and enjoyed by all - particularly by those at whom the quips were directed! Then Santa gave out all the presents (with many side remarks) for which names had been drawn in advance, and later the toys were taken to the Children's Hospital. Be sure to ask Randell what present he received - and also Larry Mann. Larry was presented later with an autographed picture of King George - but that's another story. We had hot coffee, home-made cookies made by 5 gals in the office, and nuts, and a great big Delicious apple for each one sent to us by a cooperative in the West. All in all it was great fun - and we hope to have another next year. To top it off Ralph Drumheller, S 1/c, dropped in at the height of the festivities - just back from the Mediterranean - with more service bars on his blouse than we can count. Then on Friday the Department had a grand entertainment in the Patio, music, play, and all.

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Student Nurses - Pan-handlers.

## FOR A BETTER '44

The nosey news-hound has been out with a mirror, reading New Year's resolutions from blotters on prominent desks. Here's what he's found:

J. L. Wilkinson: I am going to quit banging my pipe on ash trays like it was a pile driver.

Fulton Want: I'm going to give another gallon of blood in '44.

Marie Puhr: I'm going to choose a stout-hearted bridge partner when running a weak hand into a slam bid.

J. D. Lawrence: I'm going to quit betting on the end of the war.

Gray Hume: I'm going to try to swing at golf balls where they are instead of where they ain't.

Josephine Gerdes: I'm going to quit singing duets with Walt Hein.

Freddie Hanscom: I'm going to be more conservative about my estimate of the value of a backed-up pair.

Frances Young and her "Stat" girls: We're going to give up calling Dick Kaufman about the air-conditioning and instead wear wool socks.

John Smith: I'm going to learn a new tune to sing as I walk up the hall in the morning.

J. M. Selby: I'm going to learn to like snow.



## 500 HAD GOOD TIME AT PARTY

Everybody had a good time.

That was the considered judgment of more than 500 employees who attended the Farm Credit Club's Christmas party in the Little Theater December 24.

It was a party with something for everyone. The rich, full voice of Mrs. John Kennedy singing the old familiar Christmas carols. Kenny White's orchestra beating out Pistol Packin' Mama. The Property and Supply Section sextette harmonizing Negro spirituals. Walter Hein doing a cake walk to his own vocal (?) accompaniment. These made the musical background for the party.

There was the sober, solemn pause at 2 o'clock for President Roosevelt's Christmas message, and no one could forget that at this Christmas season there were nearly 200 members of the FCA family in uniform all over the world. Nor could the obligation to them be forgotten when Fulton Want and Clarice Andrews were called forward to receive special gifts from the Club in recognition of their contribution of 8 pints of lifesaving blood apiece to the Red Cross blood bank.

Then there were John Guill, Irv Dyke, Pvt. Gordon Smith, Bob Mills, and Paul Rapp, decked out in night shirts, night caps, and blindfolds, in the candle blowing contest, which ended too soon when John Guill blew so hard he not only extinguished his candle but almost swished the night cap off of Paul Rapp.

And just to make it Christmas, there were gifts - to those at least, who live right enough to have their numbers come up on the wheel (whose honesty is vouched for by the winners). Takers-homers of the major gifts were John B. Muller, Jr., Lawrence Hayden, Del Mehaffy, Fred Ganley, Eileen Hague, and S. D. Sanders.

The whole affair wound up with dancing, including Paul Joneses and girl breaks, to get everybody acquainted. Then, with the Governor's Christmas message in their memories and full of peanuts, popcorn, and cokes, everybody went home and told their families what a good time they had, and only a few knew, perhaps, how hard Bill Mason and Gray Hume and their committees had worked to make sure they would enjoy themselves.

## TO OUR FIGHTING SONS

We lit the candles and hung tinsel on  
the tree:  
But our thoughts were of you across the  
sea.

We caroled and made merry as though not  
a care  
But our hearts were with you over there.

We admired our gifts wrapped in paper  
so gay  
But our prayers were of you on Christmas  
Day.

Now comes the New Year and our hearts  
feel free  
For our hopes are with you and the world  
to be.

## SAVE JANUARY 20 FOR PLAY

January 20 is the date tentatively set for the Farm Credit Club play, "On The Bridge at Midnight," but definite arrangements for a theater have not yet been completed. Watch the bulletin board for an early announcement and make plans to be there. You are promised an evening of grand entertainment and fun.

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When Herb Mumford recently inserted an order blank for anti-freeze in the Grapevine, he didn't know he was going to get replies so far away as North Africa, nor replies of this kind:

"No thanks, unless the stuff is alcoholic. F. C. Murphy, 1st Lieutenant, FCA Draftee No. 1, Telephone Medley, 24, through Merit, North Africa."

## SOFT DRINKS AVAILABLE IN CLUBROOM

Now, in the pleasant, clean, comfortable surroundings of your own Clubroom, you can enjoy a soft drink during that pause that picks you up.

No longer do you have to climb long flights of stairs in quest of refreshment. No longer do you have to pay 6 cents for a 5 cent drink.

This week the Farm Credit Club installed in the Clubroom dispensers for both Royal Crown cola and orange drinks, each of which is being sold at 5 cents. Candy bars also are available in the Clubroom, which is open at all hours.

Coca-Cola also would have been added to the soft drink line offered, except for the opposition of the building concessionaire, Club officers declared.

Even at the lower prices for the drinks, earnings will accrue to the Club which be used to extend the list of activities financed or underwritten by the Club, which already include parties, dances, picnics, and various special enterprises.

The Club has only one request to make of those who use the soft drink dispensers: Bring back the bottles. That not only saves the Club money, but it helps the war effort, because the supply of bottles is limited.

## TUESDAY LUNCHEON MOVIES

12:15 and 1:10 p.m.

### "War Department Report"

"Not a propaganda film, not a sermon or a pep talk, but an official War Department report," is the description supplied by the Narrator at the outset. The picture goes on to present a candid survey of the problems of strategy, supply, and materials which must be solved if we are to take the measure of Germany and Japan. Free use is made of grim footage captured from the enemy including unique shots from the air during the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Note the beginning time for the second show, which is for this Tuesday only, due to the length of the film.

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Biffsteak - What you put on a black eye.

## CREDIT UNION NOTES

The \$1 prize offered by the FCA Employees' Federal Credit Union for the best letter on "How The Credit Union Has Helped Me" goes to Kathleen Thomas who writes:

"My Credit Union book number is 335 which shows that I am an old member and borrower as I believe the current number is 2295. For the past 10 years my family and I have depended on the Credit Union - either by loans or savings - for such expenses as taxes, insurance premiums, wearing apparel, trips back home, etc. In fact, I've just about filled two books with entries on both sides. Here's to a long life for FCA Credit Union!"

A prize-winning letter will be published in the next three issues of the Grapevine. Every member of the Credit Union is eligible to submit one or more letters. Why not get out pencil and paper, write a letter, and win a buck. Letters are limited to 100 words or less.

## SAVE BY BORROWING

One Credit Union member got busy with a pencil and paper the other day and figured that by borrowing and paying his insurance in one annual sum he could save \$20 on his yearly premium. After doing considerable figuring he says anybody can save around 10 percent or more by paying insurance annually instead of quarterly or monthly. Then he says it's more convenient to pay the premium annually. He borrowed the money from

the Credit Union to get on an annual basis.

## FCA'S THREE LITTLE SISTERS

The Meuers "triplets" - Lorraine, Bernice, and Yvonne, in the order of their appearance, hold the distinction of the only sister-trio employed in the midst of brothers, sisters, and husband-wife twosomes throughout FCA.

Likened to those sisters of popular-song fame, they are the

Three little sisters of the FCA

One works for Coops,

And two for the F and A.

The vivacious Yvonne, the baby of the trio, while holding a bowling average of better than 135 so far this season, is the artiste of the family. Bernice, the first of the girls to journey to Washington, D. C., is the middle sister. Like Yvonne she is athletic, with a 130 bowling average. Her interests are quite diversified. She has a small collection of her own handicraft work and is a stamp collector.

Old coins are collected by all the Meuers. Lorraine, the oldest and the domestic one of the three, veered far out of line with her hobby. It was the collection of miniature whiskey bottles - the empty ones - we enjoyed seeing at the recent hobby show. She likes to cook (her specialty is chow mein) and keeps her finger on the home pulse of the trio. With Lorraine seeing that her sisters are fed and cared for, surely the family hearth in Minneapolis can't seem too far away.



The one ambition the three girls share is a desire to travel. Their appetite for this has been whetted by Lorraine's traveling through Texas into Old Mexico, and by a visit of all three to Canada. As one, they long for that sunny, post-war day when they can satisfy the craving to be out again on the hi-ways and by-ways. (Josephine Bishop)

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A preacher called at a home on a Sunday afternoon, and Junior went to the door. "Daddy isn't home," he said. "He went over to the golf club about 11 o'clock." Then, noting the shocked expression on the pastor's face, the boy added: "He isn't playing golf. He just went over for a few highballs and poker."

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#### THE MAN AND THE PONY CART

Who is the little man with the pony and cart, who is seen often on 14th Street?

He is Dan Sullivan, a native Kansas Citian, and he is in the advertising business. While not as active in the sports world as was one John L., with the same name, he gets around. Sports events such as wrestling and boxing are his specialties; he advertises these for the box office of the Auditorium. Dan and his little black pony, Diamond, each day that he is needed, travel to the Auditorium from 1728 Jefferson, where he lives with his sister. Mr. Baker, box office manager, places the advertising bills on the sides and back of the little

wagon and Diamond starts their tour around the Kansas City streets.

A few weeks ago Dan gave the Navy some free advertising. A WAVE, passing through Kansas City, with a few hours to spend, talked him into showing her the town. Evidently the WAVE was well pleased with her unique sightseeing tour. A letter and gift arrived to Dan a few days afterwards.

Dan likes people and has a sunny disposition that goes well with a good Irish name like Sullivan. He has worked for a number of other businesses in town, including the Main Street Theater and the old Convention Hall. (Rosalie Carleton)

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#### LIFE IN THE ARMY

A typical bull-necked sergeant was putting a platoon of raw recruits through their first session of close-order drill. "Forward march! Halt! Right face! Left face! About face! Forward march! To the rear, march!" he barked in rapid succession. Recruit Ole Oleson took about 10 minutes of this, then flung down his rifle. "Ay quit!" he exclaimed. "Ay be damn if Ay drill with a guy who can't make up his mind!"

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"Have you an orthodox reason for being A.W.O.L.?" said the officer. "No," replied the rookie; "but I don't see how my religion enters into it."

# Willy



Deere Ma:

Well, Ma, I sure had a fassynatin. Christmas and I hoap you had one two. I sure want to thank you for what you sent me. It was just what I wanted and I no I am going to get a lot of good out of it as soon as I figger out what it is. I got it narrowed down, anyway. It's ether a pack saddle or a tent or a suitcais or a folding bathtub or a new-fangled army cot or a screan or an awning or a poarch swing or sumthing.

I been trying all kinds of things with it but I ain't going no plais by mule I hoap so I don't nead a pack saddle altho you never can be sure whear you'r going when you work for Farm Credit or how you'r going to get their. And right now I ain't going noplais nohow, so I don't nead a suitcais. And it's two cold to camp out in a tent or swing on the poarch or talk a bath and I don't need a awning because I haven't seen the sun since last Ocktober and it don't look like I'll see it again until May. And they ain't got me in the army yet so I don't nead a cot and that just leaves a screan and my private life up to now don't rekwire it, but now I got the screan I got hoaps.

I hoap your not two busy these days, Ma, because I think maybe I'm going to

get some business for you maiking socks. You no those socks you sent me - the red and green checked ones with the yellow and purple stripes that you nit yourself? Well, Ma, everybody that has seen them wants sum. They ain't nobody seen them yet that hash't asked, My God, Willy, whear did you get them socks. So I tell them you maid them so you be on the lookout for oarders.

Yore loving son

Willy

## CREATIVE WRITING CLASS

The second series of lessons in Creative Writing will begin January 7. It will include 12 class periods of 2 hours each. The class meets every Friday evening from 7:30 to 9:30, apartment 311, 601 East Armour. The instructor is a fiction writer and literary critic. Persons who are interested but who were unable to attend the fall session are invited to join the group at this time. For further information call Marie Puhr, Ext. 47.

## BRIDGE

The regular Tuesday evening bridge games in the Clubroom will be resumed on January 4 at 7 p.m. and will continue through March. Beginners as well as more advanced players are welcome to join at this time. Prizes of War Savings Stamps are awarded at each session.

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Intoxication - To feel sophisticated, but not to be able to pronounce it.

# Sportlight



## BOWLING

Jack Fowler, with games of 202, 210, and 181, totaling 593, plus the 18 pins handicap, had very little competition in walking away with the top prize of the Men's Sweepstakes on December 20. Missing number 10 in the 3rd game robbed Fowler of a 600 net set, an achievement that has not yet been accomplished since the men's ten-pin league was organized. Bob Brownell, who has been resting up all year for this occasion, came through in the runner-up spot, getting a 575 gross. His high game was 202. Morrison and Jones, with 571 apiece, split the 3rd and 4th place prizes. After an elimination process, Joe Spelman's 190 was good for the high net game prize. Porter of the Graphic team took the Honor of showing the worst performance of the evening when his 378 plus 63 pins handicap, finished on the bottom of a field of 40 bowlers.

December 27: Land Bank returned to its winning ways, after experiencing a terrific slump in the last month, by chalking up 3 wins over Frazee's Coops.

Menk was the heavy contributor to this cause by getting 204-570. McWhirt, after a shaky start with an even 100, came back in great style in his next 2 games with 198 and 178. Frazee's 473

was wasted as all other members of the Coop team had an off night. Administrative's 2244 was nearly 200 more pins than the Legal team could spill; consequently, the Administrators finished the evening with 3-up. McClurg with 177-501 was high man for both teams, followed by Maguire with 473 and Greenfield with 460. Uhlenhop, bowling in the clean-up spot for Legal, had 157-454. All other members of the Legal team had sets that were not good enough to warrant recognition. Fowler's 216-583, together with Havelka's 177-481, represented top bowling in the Mortgage Corporation's 2 victories over Graphic. Jones, with 425, was tops for the odd-game winners. Reports looked as though they were in for a tough evening with the Accounts team when they dropped the first game to Accounts by a score of 683 to 772. However, they located the groove in the second and third games by getting 800 and 808, respectively, or many pins more than Accounts could register, and finished with 2-up for the evening. George Olson and Gray Hume were high in this set, the former getting 202-506, while the latter boosted his average considerably with 191-499. Gray Hume has shown considerable improvement. He has increased his average from his 132 of last year to 142 at the present time, with no ceiling in sight. The Reports team has been very fortunate in picking up bowlers to fill the vacancies created by the departure of John Barber and Warren Thompson, 2 of the league's top bowlers. Hume replaced Barber and



George Olson took Warren Thompson's place in the anchor spot and has been doing very well.

#### TEAM STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total Pinfall</u>
Land Bank	28	17	33,282
Administrative	26	19	32,477
Legal	23	22	32,033
Accounts	23	22	31,127
Reports	21	24	33,365
Graphic	21	24	31,267
Mortgage Corporation	20	25	30,894
Coop.	18	27	29,175

#### RECORDS

H T G Reports	918	H I G Menk	246
H T S Reports	2,524	H I S Menk	598

#### AVERAGES

Menk 179-16 Fowler 171-33 Hein 160-9

#### FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

The Women's Bowling League has ceased hostilities for the holidays. Bowling will be resumed January 5.

#### TEAM STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>
Legal	29	13	26,121
Personnel	24	18	25,313
Finance & Accounts	24	18	24,322
Reports	23	19	22,739
Audit	23	19	22,698
Securities	22	20	24,138
Stenographic	22	20	23,061

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>
Purchase	19	23	23,754
General Files	13	29	21,210
Land Bank	11	31	21,350

#### RECORDS

H T G Legal	719	H I G Harbert	228
H T S Legal	2,044	H I S Harbert	525

#### AVERAGES

Harbert	144.4	Clark	139.21
Nelson	140.21	Meuers, Y.	136.1

#### THIS IS A SLICK POEM

My soul  
 is taxed  
 when the  
 floor's waxed--  
 no moun-  
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 ance keep  
 on plane  
 so slick--  
 it's quite  
 a trick--  
 with gait  
 like crab  
 1 slip  
 and grab  
 at door  
 and wall  
 lest 1  
 should fall  
 and then  
 descend  
 on my  
 dead end. (dew)